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Memorandum

TO SAC (157-1067) DATE: 8/6/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT
(BOP), aka
RM

On 7/25/68 [redacted] orally advised SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE as follows:

BOP leader CHARLES LAVERNE CABBAGE has been confiding to [redacted] in the past few days saying he is very much concerned about the adverse publicity about his being indicted for failure to report for his armed forces induction. He said that his attorney, RUSSELL X. THOMPSON, who represented him when he made bond, will not represent him further without a financial retainer. CABBAGE claims he does not have the money. He badly needs legal financial support and he also wants to get an attorney for BOP member, DON NEELY, who is AWOL from the Army and who wants to legally stay out of the Army.

DON NEELY is frequenting Beale St. while being AWOL. His barber is BENNY MINOR of Johnson's Barber Shop, 333 Beale St. MINOR is not in sympathy with DON's staying out of the Army. NEELY also loafs at the Avalon Pool Room, owned by HENRY JACKSON, and at ROBERT HENRY's pool room at 335 Beale St.

NEELY's brother, RICHARD L. NEELY, who has been working at K-B Photos, aka Fox Photos, North Parkway, has become a devoted BOP member and idolizes CHARLES CABBAGE. RICHARD NEELY is single and has been talking of quitting his job at K-B and working full time for Black Power. He lives with a sister who

(1) - 157-1067, BOP
1 - 170-70-Sub, [redacted]
1 - 157-556, POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS
1 - 100-4528, [redacted]
1 - 25-14636,
1 - 157-1326,
1 - 157-1114,
1 - 157-1187,
2 - 170-NEW,
1 - 66-1687-Sub, Dissemination
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's married and lives at 531 E. McLemore. She works at Loeb's Laundry, Madison Ave. HERMAN LEE PREWITT of BOP is last known to live at 363 Driver, Apt. H, and is a big buddy of DON and RICHARD NEELY.

CABBAGE is wearing a lot of new but cheap clothes purchased for him by EDWINA HARRELL, leading female member of BOP.

An employee of the Neighborhood Organizing Project (NOP), heavily staffed by BOP and financed by Memphis War on Poverty Committee, is GEORIDEAN CHRISTIAN, a senior at Tennessee A&I State University, Nashville, where she is an English major. She is extremely fat, so fat that the males show little interest in her, and she is smart and sensible. [redacted] She lives at 1492 Ely. [redacted]

The above information was furnished orally to Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Intelligence Bureau, Memphis PD, on 7/29/68.